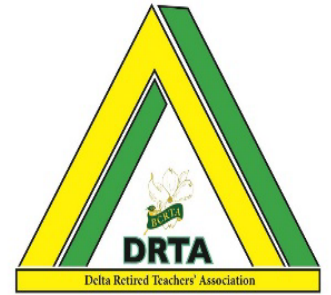




**NEWSLETTER OF THE DELTA BRANCH OF THE
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THE TRUANT

Summer 2023

MESSAGE FROM Annie Coblin, one of the DRTA CO-PRESIDENTS

We are now in the midst of summer and DRTA Board have been busy since May, when we held our Spring Luncheon and AGM at Britannia Brewing Company in Ladner. After socializing with former colleagues over a delicious meal, we elected Board Members and appointed Committee Chairs (refer to list in this and every Truant issue). Then, we learned about fraud prevention strategies from Delta Police Constable Leisa Shaefer. It was an empowering afternoon, with us filling every Board Member position (more volunteers welcomed), as well as learning some “self defense”.

*A Note of Appreciation: We would like to thank our two former Board Members for their commitment and contribution: Margaret Jensen (nicknamed Amazing Margaret) and Peter Scurr (who, thankfully, remains as our Heritage Chair.)

The DRTA Board continued to be very active in June. My Co-president Peter and I attended the DTA Retirement Celebration to honour this year's retirees. Then, Vice-President Angelika and I attended the Delta District Retirement Celebration, special this year in honoring retirees from 2020, 2021, 2022 (Covid years) and 2023. DRTA made an important presence during the Reception with our VP Angelika standing by our banner and giving out information. Finally, for the first time (and more in the near future), Peter and I hosted a Pop-up Event, a June picnic at Deas Island Park with 16 people attending. Our group, with our lively conversation and music from our loudspeakers apparently caused quite a stir. A park staff member came to check on what we were up to, making us feel like teenagers again!

In September, DRTA will be sending three delegates to the BCRTA Conference & AGM on September 27-30. They are the two Co-presidents and Val Windsor, DRTA member. VP Angelika is the alternate. Pat Thiesen will attend in her capacity as BCRTA Board Director.

Also in September is our No Bell Luncheon on Sept. 7th, at Sharkey's in Ladner on their riverside patio. Guest speakers will be Caroline Malm, BCRTA First Vice-President, and Lisa Hansen from Johnson Insurance. They will give a presentation on services, benefits and programs offered through BCRTA. Be sure to sign up because you wouldn't want to miss any of this: hearing about what BCRTA offers, dining by the river, reconnecting with old friends, and perhaps connecting with new ones.

Hope you'll join us at our September Luncheon and/or at one of our upcoming Pop-up Events. (You can even host a Pop-up Event of your own.) You never know, you may feel young(er) at heart, the best feeling for us retirees.

Annie Coblin, DRTA Co-president



DRTA's Newly Elected Executive Board for 2023 – 24

<u>Co-Presidents</u>	Annie Coblin (acoblin@hotmail.com) Peter Yang (py2010@telus.net)
<u>Vice-President</u>	Angelika Hedley (ahedley@telus.net)
<u>Secretary</u>	Suzan Egan-Olsen (seolsen@telus.net)
<u>Treasurer</u>	Lois Wilkinson (rlwilk@telus.net)
<u>Members-at-Large</u>	Yvonne Chard (drtaevents@gmail.com)

Also, volunteers for Committees are encouraged to sign up. The Committees and Committee Chairs are:

<u>Social:</u>	Yvonne Chard
<u>Communications:</u>	Peter Yang
<u>Membership:</u>	Yvonne Chard
<u>Scholarships:</u>	Myrna Webster
<u>Heritage:</u>	Peter Scurr
<u>Outreach/Phoning:</u>	Joanne Thauli
<u>Truant Editor:</u>	Pat Thiesen (retiring soon), Suzan Egan-Olsen (incoming)

“Retired Teachers of Delta” Scholarship Fund

I would like to support the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund,

I understand the money will be used to support graduating students in their future studies.

(A tax receipt will be issued by the Delta School District for donations of \$25.00 or more.

Deadline for submissions, with our thanks: Jan. 24, 2024. Send the following information to
c/o Finance Department, Delta School District, 4585 Harvest Dr, Delta BC. V4K 5B4

Enclosed is my cheque for _____

Signature: _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

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DRTA NO BELL LUNCHEON 2023

**GUEST SPEAKERS - CAROLYN MALM - BCRTA 1st Vice-President
And LISA HANSEN - TRAVEL INSURANCE ADVISOR**

BCRTA members receive advantage/discount prices for travel, car rentals, hearing aids and many more services. Our guest speakers will show us what's available and how to access them.

Carolyn Malm, 1st Vice-President BCRTA., presents a brief overview of these services available to us.

Lisa Hansen, Manager, Johnson Insurance, has extensive expertise regarding all Johnson Insurance plans.

Date: Thursday September 7 Time: 11:30 am to 2:30 (meal served at noon)

**Place: Sharkey's Seafood Bar & Grille
 4953 Chisholm St., at the Ladner Government Wharf
 (outdoor riverside patio with tables under umbrellas; inside dining room
 in case of rain)**

Menu choices:

- 1. Pub Burger**
- 2. Fish & Chips.**
- 3. Pasta (choice of seafood in white sauce or beef in oriental sauce)**

***Vegetarian option is available for each choice.**

Coffee, tea, or juice/soft drink is included in the subsidized cost .

Other beverages are available, and on your tab.

Cost (subsidized by DRTA): Members \$20 Non-members: \$30.

**Please RSVP with your food choice to Peter Yang (drtaccontact@gmail.com)
RSVP deadline is August 31. Payment in cash or cheque, payable to DRTA**

Summary of July 2023 DRTA Board Meeting

The members of your Board are hard at work on your behalf. A great deal was discussed and accomplished at the July meeting. Suzan Egan-Olsen was welcomed in her role as Secretary and will also be taking over The Truant upon Pat Thiesen's retirement. An accounting change was made that will facilitate payments of invoices. We will be represented at upcoming conferences by Board members and we thank them in advance for their willingness and commitment to retired teachers. We would now ask members to spread the word of our Sept. 7th luncheon to be held at Sharkey's in Ladner. The invitation is extended to all DRTA members and to bring a guest if they so wish. Consider carpooling - another great way to get caught up with former colleagues. Take care and safe travels to all!!



Suzan Egan-Olsen, DRTA's new Secretary



DRTA's Newest Members

Doug Pready Leon Mandrake Cathleen Thornicroft Susanne Bohmert
Rosemary Harris Marike Merrick Christiane Dube Marion Schlatter
Grace Yan Jacqueline Loewen Brian Haigh Reece Papin Janice O'Brien

W e l c o m e o n e a n d a l l !

Total Membership has risen to 554 with 22 Life Members!



Report from the BCRTA

The BCRTA Board of Directors held their final pre-Summer meeting in person at the BCTF building on June 12th. All of the BCRTA Committees' meetings had been held the week before the Board meeting and reported updates, including the goals for the upcoming year. The calendar for meetings throughout 2023-24 was set blending in-person and Zoom style gatherings throughout the year. The in-person Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 23-25, February 12 -14, and April 15-17. There will be 3 additional in-person Executive meetings slated for December 4 and June 3 as well as one in March set to coincide with the BCTF's AGM during Spring Break.

Please be aware that your fees for membership in the BCRTA was increased to \$52 annually by the delegate voting at the 2023 BCRTA AGM last September. (Your DRTA fee remains at \$8.00). A financial literacy video has been posted on the BCRTA "Understanding Pensions and Benefits" webpage. It covers CPP, OAS, and GIS in some detail, with useful clear information. You can find it using <https://bcрта.ca/workshop/upb>

Of special interest, The *Excellence in Public Education Committee* requested that BCRTA President, Arnie Lambert, file the following recommendations as a submission to the Standing Committee on Finance:

Recommendation 1: That capital budget to finance building more schools should be increased to reflect the growing population and current government focus on increased housing.

Recommendation 2: That the province of BC should adopt a plan to increase the number of qualified teachers, with the funding necessary to carry it out over the next several years.

Recommendation 3: That funding for psychoeducational testing should be increased and targeted to reduce wait times for student testing.

The motion passed and the recommendations were filed on June 13th.

The **2023 BCRTA Conference and AGM** will be held September 28, 29 and 30th. The Meet and Greet for all registered delegates is held Thursday evening, the Conference is a full day on Friday and the BCRTA AGM is held Saturday.

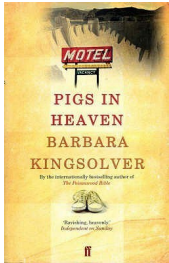


Late Summer Reading Recommendations



From Val Windsor, Delta School Board Chair

Pigs in Heaven by Barbara Kingsolver

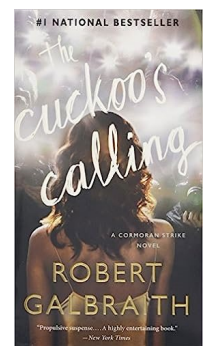


Picking up where her modern classic *The Bean Trees* left off, Barbara Kingsolver's *Pigs in Heaven* continues the tale of Turtle and Taylor Greer, a Native American girl and her adoptive mother who have settled in Tucson, Arizona, as they both try to overcome their difficult pasts.

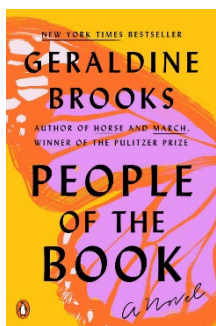
From Carol Baird-Krul, Gulf Islands Branch member

The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith

The Cuckoo's Calling is the first in a series of five novels and while the introduction of the main characters is important and necessary, it in no way takes away from the story. A disabled Afghan war veteran, whose life is a bit of a mess on all fronts, Cormoran Strike is a damaged man, both physically and emotionally. On civvy street, following his discharge from the army, where he had been an investigator, Strike sets himself up as a private one. Unfortunately, despite having a rich fiancée, with whom he has been living, he is struggling to get paying clients, that is, until John Bristow, older brother of Cormoran's dead childhood friend Charlie, approaches him to investigate the suicide of his sister, Lula Landry, three months earlier. The Cuckoo's Calling is a finely crafted story within its own genre. This is a murder mystery that has many layers and does not fail to intrigue from beginning to end.



The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

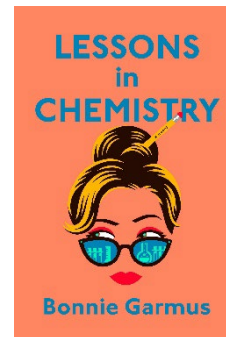


This is a fictional account, based on a true story about one of the oldest surviving illuminated texts. Hanna Heath, a somewhat abrasive rare book expert from Australia, is offered the opportunity to study and hopefully restore the Sarajevo Haggadah, a 14th Century manuscript that originated in Barcelona. As she studies the book Hanna is left with more questions than answers and so begins an intriguing tale of discovery. The story alternates between the past and the present as Hanna, in the course of restoration, finds such disparate and unexplainable things, as fragments of a butterfly's wing stuck in the spine, the long hair of a cat tangled in the binding, a wine stain mixed with blood and metal clasps that don't fit with the age of the manuscript. The People of the Book is a brilliantly crafted if somewhat slow-paced story that takes the reader on a journey of discovery both real and imagined.

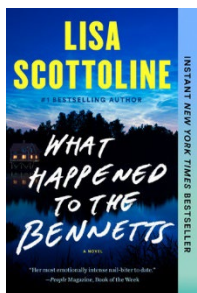
From your Editor

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Elizabeth Zott, a fully qualified chemist, is not your typical woman of the 1960's. Passed over for a highly deserved promotion as others take credit for her research, she persists and is appreciated by one colleague, Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results. There is nothing ordinary about their love story. They are soul mates. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, and owner to a dog named Six-thirty, and the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show "Supper at Six". Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo. A most enjoyable read.



What Happened to the Bennetts? By Lisa Scottoline



Jason Bennett is a suburban dad who owns a court-reporting business, but one night, his life takes a horrific turn. He is driving his family home after his daughter's field hockey game when a pickup truck begins tailgating them, on a dark stretch of road. Suddenly two men jump from the pickup and pull guns on Jason, demanding the car. A horrific flash of violence changes his life forever. Later that awful night, Jason and his family receive a visit from the FBI. The agents tell them that the carjackers were members of a dangerous drug-trafficking organization—and now Jason and his family are in their crosshairs.

The agents advise the Bennetts to enter the witness protection program right away, and they have no choice but to agree. But WITSEC was designed to protect criminal informants, not law-abiding families. Taken from all they know, trapped in an unfamiliar life, the Bennetts begin to fall apart at the seams. Then Jason learns a shocking truth and realizes that he has to take matters into his own hands. Lots of suspense as the family deals with an unknown future.

I am a huge fan of listening to "Audio" – books. I have one on-going in my van whenever I leave for appointments, band rehearsals, even grocery shopping. I am currently listening to I Am C-3PO, written and read by the robot's actor, Anthony Daniels. I thought I would add these recommendations for 3 exceptional audiobooks for you to explore.

Heartburn by Nora Ephron; read by Meryl Streep

The End of the Affair by Graham Greene; read by Colin Firth

The Maid by Nina Prose; read by Lauren Ambrose

Our members continue to support education locally and around the world.

Bonnie Sutherland has been involved with education, not only here in Delta, but also in Africa, initially to students in isolated areas of Kenya, bringing the tools and technology to Laikipia County. She has been involved for more than 3 decades and is currently the Secretary of the international organization known as ARES. In a conversation earlier this year, she shared her enthusiasm for the projects that were the start of her involvement and how the work is expanding beyond Kenya, into Malawi, Uganda and the Philippines. The following article is what she sent to me. If you would like to support her and the others dedicated to this endeavour, or other related projects, please contact her donsuth9@telus.net or look for Afretech at CanadaHelps.

The ARES Project

If you truly want to change the world, you begin by educating the children. That is the philosophy behind the ARES Project.



ARES is an acronym for the African Ruggedized Education System and a solution for the problem of education in rural communities with minimal resources.

Remote rural schools often have limited access to books, paper and writing materials, as well as intermittent power and no internet access.

Bonnie Sutherland has been working in Africa since 1992 when she and her late husband, Don, visited Kenya and saw the great need for teachers and students. In 2011, Mark Knittel took part in a Rotary service project in Kenya - installing a computer lab in a community library. Mark has an extensive background in technology.

Learning about the problems with intermittent power, power surges, dust, heat and theft, Mark was determined to find a better way to provide a computer enhanced education model. Mark created a small server that would be rugged to deal with heat, dust and power issues. The case is designed to prevent dust intake, while the components minimize heat issues. The ARES server can be charged overnight and will run on a battery - so that if the school loses power, the system still operates.



Working with other charitable groups which create digital educational resources, ARES has educational resources from pre-school to post-grad. ARES also has agricultural guides and medical reference material to serve as a resources for the entire community.



Supporters of ARES

Students access ARES through basic, inexpensive laptops, such as Chromebooks, as well as through existing school computer labs, tablets, smartphones and any other wireless device. Up to 50 wireless devices can connect to the ARES server at a time, with each user able to access different resources on the server.

The power cords stay with the teacher or librarian, and every school is required to build a locked storage room to minimize the risk of theft. Since the data is stored on the server only, it also minimizes any damage that viruses might do.

To the users, it may appear that they are accessing the internet - but they aren't. Everything is on the server and the data is both safe and appropriate for students.

But technology is only part of the solution. The ARES Project also provides training for teachers on how to use and to teach using the ARES materials. Many teachers use only rote memorization and repetition due to the lack of available resources.

ARES is a revolution in education for rural communities anywhere in the world. For more information on the ARES Project, visit the ARES website at <https://areseducation.org>



Perspective

You're not getting old; you're becoming a classic.

You're not old; you're chronologically gifted.

and, Old age is like a fine wine - it gets better with time.

In Memoriam



Gregg Burhoe – November 18, 1940 – July 25, 2023

Gregg and his wife, Sharon, moved to Tsawwassen in 1967 with Gregg spending much of his career teaching Math, Sciences, and Stagecraft at Delta Secondary School.

With a love of the theatre, Gregg was instrumental in the founding of DSS's Genesis Studio in 1975, and later in the creation of the Genesis Theatre. He spent countless afternoons, evenings and weekends working on various school productions throughout his career at DSS.

Rick Wilkinson - February 21, 1949 – May 3, 2023

Rick taught high school for many years at North Delta Secondary, coaching and sponsoring many teams, making a positive impact on the lives of his students.

Meriel Abrahamson

Meriel Abrahamson (Mrs. Abe), passed away on Thursday, June 29th. Meriel worked at Ladner Elementary from 1989 until she retired in 2015. Prior to working for Delta, she worked in Langley and Manitoba. She taught for 45 years in total. Meriel also had a long connection with Evans Lake. Outdoor education was Meriel's passion, and she shared this love with her students and many teachers in Delta.

Summer Vacation with my young Grand-daughters

I love introducing new games to play with my grand-kiddies. On our vacation trip to a lake side resort at Canim Lake (I haven't been there in 28 years), I had prepared some bead rings for each of them to use. I was able to scratch in the dirt the outline for a game of hopscotch. I had forgotten just how many rules there need to be in place for a successful game. [How many of you remember getting the 16-loop glass beads we used as markers?] Indoor games that we discovered worked really well were the many variations on "Spot It", those round cards in the round metal cans. Shut the Box, Monopoly Junior and Go Fish, along with hours playing with LEGO kept us all happy after being in their "floaties" near shore. We didn't have much time for many stories although several readings of Jon Scieszka's wonderful "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" had us all in stitches.



Choir: The Bacon of Retirement

A decade ago, any mention of a choir would have primarily brought Sunday morning hymns to mind. But in recent years, there's been a revolution in attitudes towards joining the local choir. Adding well-known, mainstream music to the repertoire, along with the appeal of television shows like "The Voice" and "American Idol" and an increase of mass choir events such as "Choir! Choir! Choir!" have attracted a new crowd to the idea of communal singing. In fact, in a recent National Choral Census (2017), they confirmed that 3.5 million Canadians now sing in 28,000 choirs from coast to coast to coast.

But are there other reasons why so many people are flocking to choirs? Well, the physiological benefits of music, and singing more specifically, have long been explored. Research tells us that musicmaking exercises the brain as well as the body, but singing in particular benefits one's breathing, posture, and muscle tension. Listening to and participating in music has also been shown to be effective in pain relief, probably due to the release of neurochemicals such as B-endorphin, dopamine, and serotonin.

There's also some evidence to suggest that music can play a role in sustaining a healthy immune system by reducing the stress hormone cortisol and boosting the Immunoglobulin-A antibody. In fact, music has been used in different cultures throughout history in healing therapies, and is readily employed in our own culture for

the relief of mental illness, breathing conditions, and language impairment. Singing distinguishes itself as one of the most accessible forms of making music because the only required instrument is one's voice. Song, therefore, remains as a powerful and effective gateway to good health.

The many physiological benefits of singing is good news indeed - and singing in a choir only extends those benefits. Choral participation helps forge both small *and* large group bonds; and it does so particularly quickly, acting as an excellent social icebreaker. Furthermore, making connections is even more important for those of us who are now retired. In today's post-pandemic, often alienating world, our daily social interactions may be shrinking and for some, they have been reduced to Facebook activity, text messaging, and an occasional date for coffee. So as retirees, adding choir to one's fall diet of activities could well be the equivalent of adding a delicious serving of "bacon" into your week!

As one who has been part of Delta Community Choir for over 10 years, I can attest to the benefits of choral singing. Learning new songs has been cognitively stimulating and mastering a broad repertoire of musical styles, satisfying. Singing with others bred confidence and the satisfaction of performing together in the spring and winter kept me returning each year. After rehearsing I feel even more positive than I do after listening to music or simply chatting about life – and that's

saying something! My improved mood probably comes directly from the release of positive neurochemicals, but is also likely influenced by my sense of social connection as I, both figuratively and literally, harmonize with others.

Knowing of choir's many proven and positive rewards, I'd like to extend an open invitation to DRTA members to join the **Delta Choral Society** this coming fall. Under the leadership of a wonderful, new artistic director, John Williams, and supported by a hardworking Board of Directors; DCS offers three choral experiences for the people of Delta and surrounding communities: the Delta Community Choir, the Delta Chamber Choir, and the Delta Children/Youth Choir. For adults, the Delta Community Choir is the society's larger concert choir that all adult community members are welcome to join. The Delta Chamber Choir is the society's smaller, auditioned choir. As well, all school aged children are invited to sing with the Delta Children & Youth Choir...

Maybe a grandchild might be interested? All three choirs practise at various times on Monday evenings.

So this fall, why not consider expanding your social network, lifting your spirits, and joining our choir? The Delta Choral Society is extremely excited about the upcoming term and inviting men and women of all ages to join our ranks. Registration and 'opening night' are set to take place on Monday, September 11th at the Benediction Lutheran Church in Tsawwassen (5575 6th Avenue). For further information about our society, please visit www.deltachoral.ca or send me an email at lymbur@telus.net



You will very quickly see why "choir" is truly the bacon of retirement!

Julie Lymburner

Change of Address or Circumstance

Email or other change of address? Here's what to do...

Online. BCRTA Email: laurie@bcрта.com Phone: 604.871.2260 and/or

DRTA Email: drtacountact@gmail.com

Fun and Games Pages



“My teacher says little girls can grow up to be anything they choose! Why did you choose to be an old lady?”

An Englishman, a Frenchman, a Spaniard and a German are all standing watching an American street performer do some juggling. The juggler notices the 4 gentlemen have a very poor view, so he stands on a wooden crate and calls out, “Can you all see me now?”

“Yes.”

“Oui.”

“Si.”

“Ja.”



A. August 2023 TRIVIA -

1. Which animal is seen on the Porsche logo? a) Jaguar b) Lion c) Horse d) Puma
2. What is the name given to Indian food cooked over charcoal in a clay oven?
3. Banksy is an artist known for working with which medium?
4. During what period did the Tyrannosaurus live?
5. How many countries make up Central America? Name them.
6. What is a googol?
7. What does SPF in sunscreen stand for?
8. Name 3 countries that do not use the Metric System?
9. In a polo match, how many chukkers are there?
10. According to Greek mythology, who was the first woman on earth?

B. Strike Out

	A	B	C	D
1	CREEK	AROUSE	KEEN	SHOOT
2	FINAL	START	ELSE	INDIAN
3	STREETS	LAPEL	LOVE	SLEEP
4	PLACE	ANIMAL	CHAISE	RISE
5	PULP	CLASP	IRES	ARIA
6	COOL	PIECES	RIVER	IS
7	RAISED	SIRE	SILVER	CONIC
8	BLIND	AROMA	UKRAINE	AGATE
9	TABLET	FROWN	MAKE	UPRAISE
10	OBVIATE	CHARM	OLEO	ON

Strike out words in the table according to the instructions. When you are finished, the words that remain in the table will spell out a quote when you read from left to right, top to bottom.

1. STRIKE OUT all words that have 4 different vowels.
2. STRIKE OUT all words that begin and end with the same vowel.
3. STRIKE OUT all words in Column B that have only one vowel.
4. STRIKE OUT all words immediately above or below seven-letter words.
5. STRIKE OUT all words that have double vowels.
6. STRIKE OUT all words that are anagrams of ERIS.
7. STRIKE OUT all words that begin or end with the same consonant.
8. STRIKE OUT all six-letter words that contain 3 vowels and 3 consonants.

Your Answer: _____ .



C. Change-a Word

Go from the first word and change a letter one at a time to make the other word.

1. HEAD to SETS
2. WERE to LOST
3. CUSS to WORD
4. MOTH to BALL
5. RING to TAIL
6. LAST to STOP
7. MAKE to NEWS
8. LEAP to FROG
9. SNOW to BIRD

D. Word Mines - Form as many 5- letter words you can by using only the letters for each of these longer words provided. Not allowed are any words beginning with capital letters, contractions, plurals, and present tense verbs ending in “s”. Neither are hyphenated, obsolete, slang, poetic, archaic, foreign language words.

#1 - H A N D W R I T I N G (possible 22 5-letter words)

#2 - G R A P H I C A L L Y (possible 29 5-letter words)

E. Make a Chain - Reaction

From each list, create a chain of connected words. For example, if given **chain, key, reaction, and room** reorganize them to room key, key chain, and chain reaction.

1. Dead, Down, Duck, Half, Life, Pro, Turn
2. Bread, Jalapeno, Mint, Pepper, Spoon, Tea, Winner
3. Cabinet, Coloured, Medicine, Pencil, Spaghetti, Thin, Western
4. Ant, Billy, Club, Hill, Kisses, Scene, Stealing
5. Green, Lemon, Lime, Party, Releases, Time, Valve
6. Down, Drop, Egg, Grade, Johnny, Rotten, School
7. Big, Burn, Mister, Plant, Rubber, Rug, Spender
8. Alike, Broadway, Button, Down, Play, Share, Time
9. Anchor, Drop, Dry, Jaw, Land, Lock, Suck
10. Belly, Change, Gear, Laugh, Riot, Shift, Yellow

F. Not only for the mathematicians – Cryptic Math Puzzle

Each of the nine letters, in the box below, stands for one of the numbers one through nine, no two letters stand for the same number. Using the clues, can you deduce the number represented by each letter?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. In one diagonal, each number is a square number. | 4. S is the product of R and W. |
| 2. U, T, and Z are odd numbers in ascending order. | 5. One row has consecutive numbers |
| 3. X is the sum of R and S. | in some order |

R	S	T
U	V	W
X	Y	Z

G. Categories

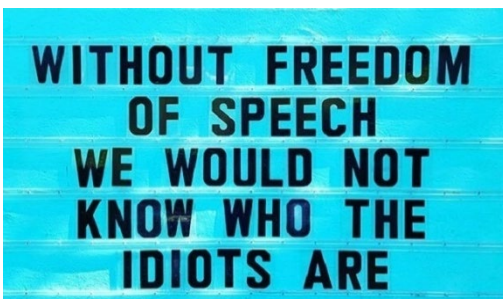
The object of this puzzle is to think of words that belong to a given category that begins with the letter that is used to help spell out a word (or phrase) related to that category. For example: A category might be boys' names and you would be asked to list names that begin with the letters "B", "O", "Y", "S". Your answers might be Brian, Owen, Yves, and Steven. Please name things you might find in a home's medicine cabinet that begin with the letters in the phrase BATHROOM ITEMS.

B _____
A _____
T _____
H _____
R _____
O _____
O _____
M _____

I _____
T _____
E _____
M _____
S _____



Highway Signs Of Note and Humour: -



Answers for Fun and Games

A. Trivia

1. c)
2. Tandoori
3. Graffiti
4. Cretaceous Period
5. 7 Countries – Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
6. A one written with 100 zeroes after it
7. Sun Protection Factor
8. Liberia, Myanmar and the U.S.
9. 6
10. Pandora

B. Strike Out – “Love is Blind.”

C. Change-A-Word - Possible Answers (others do exist)

1. Head, heal, seal, seas, sets
2. Were, wore, lore, lose, lost
3. Cuss, cues, cued, coed, cord, word
4. Moth, mote, mate, male, bale, ball
5. Ring, rang, rand, raid, rail, tail
6. Last, lost, loot, soot, shot, shop, stop
7. Make, mate, mats, bats, bets, nets, news
8. Leap, heap, heat, feat, flat, flag, flog, frog
9. Snow, show, shod, shed, seed, send, bend, bind, bird

D. Word Mines

From HANDWRITING – digit, drain, giant, girth, grain, grand, grant, grind, nadir, night ninth, right, rigid, thing, third, train, triad, twang, width, wrath, wring.

From GRAPHICALLY – algal, allay, alpha, calla, chair, chary, chill, chirp, cigar, gaily, glair, glyph, grail, graph, grapy, grill, hairy, harpy, hilly, larch, lilac, lyric, parch, phial, plays, pricy, rally, riyal.

E. Make a Chain - Reaction

1. Half, Dead, Duck, Down, Turn, Pro, Life
2. Jalapeno, Pepper, Mint, Tea, Spoon, Bread, Winner
3. Coloured, Pencil, Thin, Spaghetti, Western, Medicine, Cabinet
4. Ant, Hill, Billy, Club, Scene, Stealing, Kisses
5. Lemon, Lime, Green, Party, Time. Release, Valve
6. Johnny, Rotten, Egg, Drop, Down, Grade, School
7. Rug, Burn, Rubber, Plant, Mister, Big, Spender
8. Broadway, Play, Button, Down, Time, Share, Alike
9. Suck, Dry, Land, Lock, Jaw, Drop, Anchor
10. Yellow, Belly, Laugh, Riot, Gear, Shift, Change

F. Cryptic Math

R = 1; S = 8; T = 7; U = 3; V = 4; W = 5; X = 6; Y = 2; and Z = 9.

1	8	7
3	4	5
6	2	9

G. Categories (other answers are possible)

Bandages; Aspirin; Toothpaste; Hair Spray; Razor; Ointment; Oils; Moisturizer; Iodine; Tissues; Emery Board; Mouthwash; Soap.



I hope you have learned a few things, puzzled a bit and laughed aplenty. Please stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer. Pat